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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S MEETINGS WITH GROMYKO

YOU MAY INFORM PERMREPS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THE MEETING PROCEEDED IN GENERALLY FRIENDLY AND
RELAXED ATMOSPHERE. DISCUSSION FOCUSED LARGELY ON CSCE,
SALT AND MIDDLE EAST. AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO MEET
AGAIN IN FAIRLY NEAR FUTURE IS RELATED MOSTLY TO
MIDDLE EAST.

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2. ON CSCE, SECRETARY SOUGHT TO GET SOVIET REACTION TO
"GLOBAL INITIATIVE." GROMYKO CLAIMED TO HAVE SEEN ONLY
THE PORTION DEALING WITH JOURNALISTS. HE PROVIDED A
NUMBER OF AMENDMENTS TO THAT TEXT WHICH WE ASKED HIM

TO FURNISH OUR REPRESENTATIVE IN GENEVA WHO WILL DISCUSS THEM WITH ALLIES. SECRETARY MADE CLEAR WE EXPECT SOVIETS TO RESPOND TO GLOBAL INITIATIVE AS A WHOLE AND GROMYKO SAID THEY WOULD DO SO. WE THINK IT MOST EFFICIENT TO DEAL WITH THESE MATTERS IN GENEVA. ON CBMS, SOVIETS SHOWED SOME MOVEMENT: 30,000 MEN, 18 DAYS ADVANCE NOTICE, AND DEPTH OF TERRITORY OF 150 KM IN USSR. WE EXPECT TO CONSULT ON THIS IN GENEVA ALSO. ON FOLLOW-ON, SOVIETS WERE CAUTIOUS, INDICATING THEY WOULD NOT BE AVERSE TO FOUR OR FIVE YEAR DELAY BEFORE A REVIEW MEETING. SOVIETS REMAIN EAGER FOR SUMMIT FINALE IN JULY BUT IT WAS MADE CLEAR TO THEM THAT THIS DEPENDS ON SATISFACTORY RESULTS.

3. ON SALT THERE WAS OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW ALL THE TECHNICAL ISSUES THAT HAVE ARISEN IN GENEVA AND WHICH NAC IS AWARE OF. WE WILL PROBABLY DELAY RESUMPTION OF GENEVA SESSIONS FOR TWO TO THREE WEEKS TO PERMIT FURTHER REVIEW OF ISSUES IN CAPITALS. WE HAVE IMPRESSION THAT SOVIETS WANT AN AGREEMENT THIS YEAR AND THERER WEERE SOME SIGNS, AS YET INCONCLUSIVE, OF MOVEMENT ON SUCH MATTERS AS VERIFICATION, THE FOLLOW-ON NEGOTIATIONS ON REDUCTIONS AND CRUISE MISSILES.

4. ON MIDDLE EAST, IT WAS NOT OUR EXPECTATION TO HAVE NEGOTIATION AND WE DID NOT. PRINCIPAL THRUST ON SOVIET SIDE WAS THEIR INSISTENCE ON FULL PARTICIPATION IN ALL FUTURE MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS. THEY ALSO PRESSED FOR JOINT US-SOVIET INVITATION NOW TO PLO TO PARTICIPATE IN GENEVA CONFERENCE. WE INDICATED OUR INTENTION TO SEEK TO WORK COOPERATIVELY WITH SOVIETS BUT MADE CLEAR WE CAN REACH NO DECISION ON NEXT STEPS PENDING COMPLETION OF OUR CONSULTATION WITH PARTIES - IN PARTICULAR PRESIDENT FORD'S MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT SADAT AND PRIME MINISTER RABIN - AND CONCLUSION OF OUR OWN PLICY REASSESSMENT. WE ALSO REEMPHASIZED OUR VIEW THAT PLO

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REPRESENTATION ISSUE MUST BE DEFERRED IF INSTANT STALE-MATE AT THE OUTSET IS TO BE AVOIDED. SECRETARY AND GROMYKO AGREED THAT CAREFUL PREPARATION IS NEEDED BEFORE GENEVA CONFERENCE RECONVENES AND WILL MEET AGAIN, PROBABLY DURING FIRST HALF OF JULY, FOR FURTHER EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. NO SPECIFIC DATES FOR GENEVA HAVE BEEN SET, BUT OUR PRESENT ESTIMATE IS THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO COMPLET NECESSARY PREPARATORY WORK BEFORE LATE AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER.

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